Gold Shield Program
Workshops

June 24, 2008, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. El Monte
June 24, 2008, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. El Monte
June 25, 2008, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Sacramento

Sacramento will be Webcast at http://calepa.ca.gov/Broadcast

Workshop Agenda

- Purpose of the workshops
- Gold Shield Program objectives
- Current Gold Shield criteria
  - Performance standards based on Smog Check data
  - Other Gold Shield criteria
- Gold Shield certification process
- Industry concerns
- Next steps
- Open discussion

Purpose of the Workshops

- Review current Gold Shield performance standards

- Discuss other appropriate criteria for identifying top-performing Smog Check stations
  - Data analysis from Roadside Inspection Program

Gold Shield Program Objectives

- Identify and effectively repair high-emitting vehicles

- Simplify the Smog Check Program

- Contribute to emissions reductions goals of Smog Check Program

- Increase participation in the Consumer Assistance Program (CAP)

- Promote consumer compliance with Smog Check Program

Current Gold Shield Criteria

- Performance standards based on Smog Check data
  - Comparative Failure Rate
  - Successful Emission Repairs
  - Repair Performance
- Other Criteria
  - Enforcement actions
  - Quality Assurance (QA) inspections

Current Criteria
Comparative Failure Rate

- Station's vehicle failure rate must meet or exceed failure rate of Test-Only stations in the same program area (Enhanced or Basic)
  - Standard changes quarterly
  - Compares failure rates for same type of vehicles

Current Criteria
Successful Emission Repairs

- Station must perform at least 10 repairs per quarter
  - BAR evaluates tailpipe failures ONLY
  - Station must enter repair data into Emissions Inspection System (EIS)
  - Vehicles must be certified within 10 days after repair

Current Criteria
Repair Performance

- Evaluates the effectiveness of each station's repairs
  - Compares the post-repair emissions of each vehicle to the average passing emissions for same type of vehicles in previous quarter
  - Compares stations in the same program area (Enhanced or Basic)

Current Criteria
Enforcement Actions

- No citations – past year

- No administrative actions – past 3 years

- Not convicted of a crime* – past 3 years

- Not liable in a civil suit* – past 3 years

 * Must be substantially related to duties of an owner, manager or technician of a Smog Check station or licensed ARD

Current Criteria
Quality Assurance Inspections

- On-site reviews of stations and technicians
- Initial review performed after meeting the Gold Shield performance standards and enforcement criteria
- Quarterly reviews performed after acceptance into the Gold Shield Program

Gold Shield Certification Process

- Must submit application to obtain Gold Shield certification

- Quarterly review of station compliance with Gold Shield performance standards
  - Tips for improvement if needed

- Invalidation of Certification
  - Two consecutive quarters not meeting one or more of the Gold Shield performance standards
  - Any enforcement action
  - Failure to provide CAP services
  - Failure to correct deficiency from QA inspection
  - Expiration of ARD or Smog Check station license

- Appeal process available if application denied or certification invalidated

Industry Concerns

- Difficulty meeting 10 repair minimum
  - Only applies to tailpipe emission failures - no credit for MIL or evaporative emission failures
- Demographic issues
- Impact of the "Fast Pass" feature of the ASM test
- Repairs that do not achieve average passing emission levels when vehicle passes Smog Check

Next Steps

- Publish workshop summary on BAR Web site

- Conduct follow-up workshops on any proposed changes to Gold Shield Program

- Develop regulations
  - Forty-five day public comment period on proposed changes

Open Discussion

- Questions/Comments

- Suggestions for program changes

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